

Wednesday, March 20, 2019**7:00 pm*****Paper Filagree, Quilling******Presented by Betty Burian Kirk***

The March 20th Lemont Artists Guild meeting, will begin at 7 PM at the Homer Township Public Library, 14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL. Betty Burian Kirk will do an interactive program on Quilling which is an art form that involves the use of narrow strips of paper that are coiled, shaped and glued together to create decorative designs and images. Participants may purchase a kit for \$3 which includes a tool to make quills, a card with envelope, a snow flake design, and strips of paper. Her website is www.bbkirk@sbcglobal.net.

Betty Burian Kirk is a Fiber Artist. She started her art endeavors as a weaver, but her knowledge and skills have grown to encompass spinning, felting, kumi himo, tassel making, marbling, quilling and the areas of color theory and design. She is an Illinois Artisan and exhibits her work at art shows throughout the area.

Receiving a BS in Education and an MA in Art from Northern Illinois University, Betty taught elementary school art for 12 years and Weaving at Joliet Junior college for 3 semesters. She has given workshops and lectures at guilds as well as regional, national and international fiber conferences

**OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT AND
CO-SPONSORED BY THE:**

**Homer Township Public Library
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL**

Visit www.homerlibrary.org for directions or call 708-301-7908.

March 20-Paper Filagree, Quilling, Betty Burian Kirk

April 4-AFA Best of the Best Reception 6 to 8 pm, and Best of the Best Exhibit (details on 2nd page)

April 6-Lemont Center for Arts Gala at Lithuanian World Center in Lemont 6:30 to 10 pm. Visit LCA's Facebook page for more information.

April 17-Discover Watercolor, Bold, Loose and Fun, Dan Danielson

May 15-Photography-Light Techniques and Digital Editing, Mike Bessler

President's Letter

Hi all,

Welcome to **March!** Thank you to all who could come out for our Feb. 13 meeting at the Homer Township Library. Dam Laib showed us some great tips for making caricatures.

LAG member, Gina Rende's beautiful photography is still in the display case at the library. It will come down at the March meeting. We have Teresa Moorehouse lined up to show next. Please contact Lynn Rozycki if you are interested in being in the display case at lynnrozycki@gmail.com

I have something that is very difficult to write about, and many of you know already. This past February, a very wonderful person in Lemont Artists Guild passed away, Bill Uznanski, due to complications from pneumonia. Bill was an amazing person and did so much for LAG, and many other organizations. There are not enough words to say what a good person he was and how much he did for those around him. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family, wife Nancy, son Bill Jr. and daughter Jackie, and Bill Jr.'s children, Bill's grandsons, Bill and Michael. Bill was our Alliance of Fine Art delegate, and former Executive Director of the Alliance of Fine Art. He was current Treasurer of the Lemont Historical Society, and member of the Lemont Chamber of Commerce with his and Nancy's photography business, Uznanski Creations. Bill was always willing to help others, give encouragement, and no one will be able to help run the reindeer game at our LAG Holiday party like Bill! *He will be missed so, so, much.* If you would like to give your condolences, please contact me at Lizzypopp@hotmail.com and I will give you Nancy's information. Her address is in our LAG Directory as well. Memorial information will be announced as it comes forth.

Sincerely,

Liz Connelly

LAG President

Notes from the Editor:

- ✦ Information for the LAG newsletter should be sent to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or bbkirk@sbcglobal.net
- ✦ **Our Hostesses** for this month's meeting are Betty Burian Kirk for snacks and Michael Preski for drinks. (Please arrive early to set up.) Thanks so much!

Lemont Center for the Arts:

Lemont Center for the Arts
1243 State Street, Unit 101
Lemont, Illinois 60439
630-243-7375

Hours: Friday & Sunday noon - 4 p.m. &
Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Always Free Admission)

DON'T FORGET FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING:

- Your Artwork for the Back of the Hall Competition if you're a LAG Member.
- Bring donations for the Lemont Food Pantry. (Thank you!)
- Create your own Nametag!! We will keep it for you to use at each meeting.

- ✦ **Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** – The AFA meets at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the People's Resource Center, 104 Chestnut Ave, Westmont, IL 60559. Upcoming meeting is April 9, 2019. LAG members are welcome to attend these meetings and volunteer to help out AFA. (Let Liz know if you want to attend.)

The **2019 Best of the Best exhibit** will be at

Mayslake Peabody Estate
1717 31st St., Oak Brook, IL 60523

Exhibit Duration: **Mar. 13-April 29, 2019**

Reception: Thurs, April 4th, 2019 6 pm – 8 pm

The AFA website is www.allianceoffineart.org. (Check out what all the other local guilds are doing as well at the AFA site, there are links to over 10 guilds on their website!)

To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it.

Kurt Vonnegut

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong

Joseph Chilton Pearce

It is not an artist's job to please anyone, but to bravely do the work that they are most compelled to do. It's the public's job to bravely seek out and appreciate the work that resonates with them.

I love to see people happy and succeeding. Life is a journey not a competition.